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The Governor of Puerto Rico

February 23, 1993

Ms. Donna Searcy
Secretary of the
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Searcy:

It has come to my attention that the Arecibo Observatory is currently applying for the establishment of a Communication Quiet Zone for the Island. As you know, the Observatory is a significant educational and tourist/promotional resource for Puerto Rico. In addition, it is an unique asset for scientists worldwide and thus the preservation and protection of the world's largest radio telescope is in the best interest of the Government of Puerto Rico and the Federal Government.

The Government of Puerto Rico, with the aforementioned considerations in mind, has already created a protection zone to help control interference due to the rapidly growing urban development of the area. Furthermore, a recent zoning law dealing with microwave installations mentions this protective area and also helps to protect the Observatory.

I hereby express my support for the establishment of a